

Research

Master of Science (MS-Plan A)

Program Planning Sheet

Department of Instructional Technology & Learning Sciences Utah State University

Program Requirements: The MS-Plan A program of study requires a minimum of 39 completed credits. Students have 6 calendar years to complete all degree requirements.

Required Core Courses (13 credits required)		Credits	Fall *	Spring *	Summer *
ITLS 6300	ITLS Orientation	1	F2F^		
ITLS 6310	ITLS Foundations	3	blended		
ITLS 6540	Learning Theory	3	blended		
ITLS 6350	Instructional Design Process I	3		blended	
EDUC 6570	Intro to Educational and Psychological Research	3	f2f/online	f2f/online	f2f/online

Responsible Conduct of Research Training (Required Certificate)		Credits	Term
USU 6900	Research Integrity	0	1 st spring semester

Required Thesis (minimum 6 credits required)		Credits	Fall	Spring	Summer
ITLS 6970	Thesis	6-9	arranged	arranged	arranged

* The expected schedule at publication. Check the ITLS website for the courses available each semester. [<http://itls.usu.edu/courses/schedule>]

^ Delivery method: F2F = face to face, blended = f2f & online students in the same course, online = all students online, broadcast = has an in-person receive site

Your program of study is under the direction and approval of your graduate chairperson. A temporary advisor is assigned upon matriculation to the program to guide through the first and second semesters. A committee chairperson should be chosen by the end of the second semester to direct and approve the final program of study and thesis work. Additionally, you will work with your committee chair to form the rest of your 3-member graduate committee.

Steps to completing your MS-Plan A thesis

The thesis for a Plan A master's degree is a contribution to the field of knowledge based on the student's own research. The student and committee chair should decide upon the subject for the thesis study by the end of the student's second semester of graduate study.

- Form your 3-person supervisory committee (by the end of the second semester).
- Write your thesis proposal and have it approved by your committee. Complete the Master's Thesis/Project Proposal Approval Form.
- Complete your research and write your thesis.
- Schedule your thesis defense. Provide your chair-approved thesis to your committee at least 3 weeks before your defense. Submit Appointment for Examination form to SGS at least 10 working days before the final examination.
- Obtain committee signatures on the Record of Exam Completion form and submit to SGS.
- When the thesis is successfully defended and signed by all committee members, submit to the assistant dean in the SGS for review. Note that your thesis must follow APA style and USU format guidelines.

For more information see, Master of Science Plan A checklist https://rgs.usu.edu/graduateschool/files/uploads/Plan_A_Checklist_20140819.pdf

- Notes:**
- The Program of Study for a Master's degree must include at least 15 semester credits at the level of 6000 or above. Coursework that is below the 5000 level should typically be in areas outside the student's graduate degree field, and must be approved by the student's supervisory committee as appropriate for the student's individual degree program.
 - Courses that students entering the graduate program are expected to have taken as undergraduates and prerequisites for graduate courses may not be included on a Program of Study.
 - No more than 12 semester credits taken at USU or another institution prior to matriculation at USU may be used in a program of study for a graduate program at USU. Credits with P grades may be transferred **only** with committee approval.
 - Credits in the following areas are not acceptable in a graduate degree program: foreign languages, continuing graduate advisement, individual home study, military science, and courses numbered below 3000.
 - No more than 12 workshop credits may be applied to a master's degree.

Elective Course Options **

Research – check course offerings @ Office of Research Services	
EDUC 6600, 6770, 7610, 6780, 6010, 7670	Please note course prerequisites exist

Design & Development		Credits	Fall	Spring	Summer
ITLS 6530	Instructional Design & Development Studio	3	blended		
ITLS 6570	Performance Systems	3		online	

eLearning		Credits	Fall	Spring	Summer
ITLS 6105	eLearning Tools	3			online
ITLS 6150	eLearning Trends & Issues	3		online	

Educational Technology		Credits	Fall	Spring	Summer
ITLS 6390	Planning, Resources, & Implementation	3			online

General Electives		Credits	Fall	Spring	Summer
ITLS 6205	Computer Applications for Instruction and Training	3	blended	blended	blended
ITLS 6215	Digital Video Capture and Production I	3	blended		
ITLS 6220	Digital Video Capture and Production II	3		blended	
ITLS 6230	Instructional Graphic Production I	3	blended		
ITLS 6240	Instructional Graphic Production II	3		blended	
ITLS 6245	Interactive Multi-Media Production	3	blended	blended	blended
ITLS 6265	Internet Development	3	blended	blended	blended
ITLS 6270	Craft Technologies	3		F2F	
ITLS 6290	Multimedia Production in Instruction & Training	3		blended	
ITLS 6720	Instructional Technology in Adult Education	3			online
ITLS 6760	Grant Writing	3	online		
ITLS 6870	Current Issues Seminar	1-3	arranged	arranged	
ITLS 6910	Independent Research	1-6	arranged	arranged	arranged
	Other courses approved by your chairperson				

** Check the current and upcoming class schedules on the ITLS website or with your advisor or chair for availability and course options

DegreeWorks

You are encouraged to use DegreeWorks to plan and keep track of your progress. **Login to Banner** [banner.usu.edu] using your USU A# & password. Click on **Student**. Click on **Student Records**. Click on **DegreeWorks**. Consult your orientation booklet for details about using the program.